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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL - ASSISTANCE TO
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REF: (A) STATE 161655; (B) GENEVA 9621

1. DURING GOVERNING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 15
US DEL MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT - DOCUMENT DP/301 - THE
NOTE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR UNDER ITEM 15 -- CALLS THE
ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION
2100 (LXIII) CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE AS ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ORGANS
OF THE UN REQUIRING ACTION BY THE UNDP. WE ARE, OF
COURSE, AWARE THAT THIS SUBJECT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN
ADDRESSED BY A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS UNDER ANOTHER ITEM
OF OUR AGENDA.

I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECALL FOR
THE RECORD THAT THE US VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 2100
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AND THE SIMILAR SUBSEQUENT UNIDO RESOLUTION TO WHICH
A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAVE MADE REFERENCE AT AN
EARLIER STAGE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AT THIS SESSION.
THE US VOTED AGAINST THESE RESOLUTIONS, NOT BECAUSE IT
OPPOSES INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO
THE PASESTINIAN PEOPLES -- WHICH, IN FACT, IT HAS
SUPPORTED AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT -- BUT BECAUSE OF

THE ROLE WHICH THOSE RESOLUTIONS ENVISAGED FOR THE PLO IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROCESS AND THEIR CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PLO AS "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN OTHER ORGANS OF THE UN AND IN GOVERNING BODIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE US OPPOSES GRANTING ANY SPECIAL STATUS TO THE PLO AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR UN ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN OUR VIEW -- WHICH WE HAVE MADE CLEAR ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS -- UNRWA IS THE ONLY PROPERLY CONSTITUTED CHANNEL FOR UN ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE THESE REMARKS APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS OF THIS SESSION. END TEXT.

2. US DEL STATEMENT DREW NO COMMENT FROM OTHER GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS. ISRAELI OBSERVER (ELIASHIV) PRIVATELY TOLD US DEL THAT STATEMENT WAS "EXCELLENT". IN THIS CONNECTION ISRAELI OBSERVER SAID THAT HE WISHED TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THIS MATTER BY HAVING AN EARLY BILATERAL REVIEW WITH THE US DEL TO THE SUMMER SESSION OF ECOSOC IN ORDER TO PLAN JOINT STRATEGY FOR MEETING VARIOUS POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES THAT MIGHT ARISE IN ECOSOC CONCERNING MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS.
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3. US DEL HAS NOW OBTAINED DRAFT TEXT PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT OF GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION TO REFLECT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ON ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. TEXT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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